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is in place. After Senator Foley's 5 minutes expires,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...15 minutes have been consumed. No three senators even have the opportunity to know about the amendment, but since the bill is guaranteed a vote and you vote on the amendment first, the Christmas tree is accepted. The underlying bill is accepted. It moves to Select File. It clears the biggest hurdle without ever having been discussed. I am talking about the Christmas tree now, and if you all are so naive you think that won't happen, then you haven't been paying attention to the political process here. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, as I look at this, this rule, I don't think it's a good idea. I really don't think it's a good idea. If I remember from my time here is that consent calendar items are very simple ones that you can do in 15 minutes and you shouldn't have to have a vote, and what you're trying to do with have split questions and so forth like that, to me it's something that is only done in a very simple thing. I think also if it's a matter that really, really needs to get passed in a year, it is something we can simply go to our Speaker and say, would you, Mr. Speaker or Ms. Speaker, special order. So I just think as I listen to the discussion on this...this issue, I would think we'd simply go back to what we have in the rules right now with consent calendar, and I simply rise to oppose this second part of this and I will vote that concordantly. Mr. Speaker, I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, thank you, Senator Hartnett, for giving me the rest of your time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That's fine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I'm trying to put into the record some scenarios that are not unrealistic. Let's look at what can be done. First of all, let's say you have a